

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A new oath is submitted.

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1-4 and 6-14 are allowed. Claim 15 is neither allowed nor objected to. However, because claim 15 depends from allowed claim 14, Applicants presume that claim 15 is also allowed.

An informality in claim 5 has been corrected.

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, claim 16 is rewritten to indicate the chemical transformations in the original claim, with chemical structures added to illustrate each step. A period is added to the end of the claim.

As Applicant has complied with all requirements set forth in the Office Action, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0337. If an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0337. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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